

Vision: *The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible.*
—Arthur C. Clarke, British science fiction writer, 1917 -

PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE



Harold Nakaoka

Hometown: Honolulu

Years with Corps: 19

Works in: PPM (Civil and Public Works)

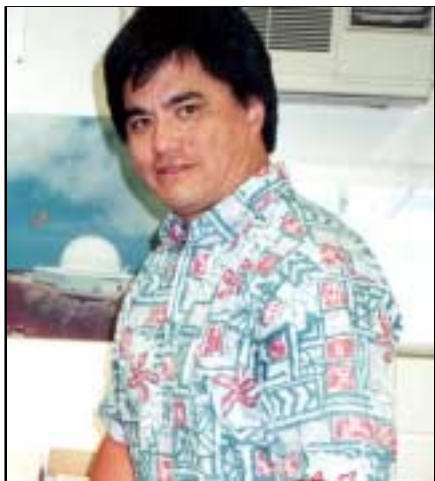
Raised in Kapahulu, civil engineer Harold Nakaoka graduated from Kaimuki High School and got his engineering degree from the Univ. of Hawaii. Initially he worked for the Dept. of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. He then took a job with FED in Korea before coming to HED where he has always worked as a project manager.

"I like what I'm doing," said Nakaoka. "Although I wouldn't mind learning to do things on the technical side."

HED is a family concern, he said, as his wife Grace works as an engineering technician in Cost Engineering. With two people working, and two children—Jayson, 8, and Kristen, 4, Nakaoka said that his life outside of work is oriented toward the youngsters' school and sports activities. Things have been worked out so that he does grocery shopping and a lot of the cooking, and picks up Jayson after school. He said that whenever Grace goes TDY he becomes Mr. Mom and they all survive.

"Actually, just about everything we do has the children in mind," he said. As a family, Nakaoka said they've been to Disneyland twice, Chicago, Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and the San Diego Zoo. However, Nakaoka does have an interest in sports and said that lately in the evening he has been finding out just how much information is available on the Internet. He said that he used to be an avid golfer, and now is waiting for his son to be old enough so they can take lessons together.

Harold is making HED more productive.



David Lindsey

Hometown: Waimea, Hawaii

Years with Corps: 15

Works in: PPM (Army Branch)

The solidness and stability that seems to surround project manager David Lindsey falls comfortably into place with the realization that a great source of pride in his life is the skill he possesses in planning and building lava rock walls, both dry and mortared, a skill he learned from his father while growing up on the Big Island of Hawaii.

"I love stone work," he said. "And I love to see any kind of job done well and with a note of permanency about it."

Lindsey is an alumni of Hawaii Preparatory Academy and got his civil engineering degree from the Univ. of Hawaii. In between, he attended Whittier College in California. He said he was headed toward chemical engineering when lack of funds interrupted his plans, so he cut short his education after his first Bachelor's degree and worked in construction for a couple of years. That job helped him understand how work is done in the "trenches," he said.

Lindsey said that his life is fairly routine and describes himself as a "homebody." Daily, there's work, racquetball with co-workers, then to his girlfriend's house where he helps her children with homework, has dinner, then goes home to shower and sleep and get up the next morning to do the same thing over again. Weekends, he said are spent playing "catch-up" with chores. Unsaid is that much of his day is spent doing things with and for other people. Unsaid too is that his efforts have earned repeated recognition and a place in the District's Emerging Leaders Program.

David is making HED more productive.